



## **Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 15**

**Meeting Date:** February 20, 2008  
**Meeting Location:** Versailles State Police Post

### **Council Members Present:**

Traci Eggleston, Lisa Rich, Jenny Youngblood (rep. for Judge Todd), Amy Phillips, Judge Carl Taul, Rob King

### **Council Members Absent:**

Jennifer Tackitt (had a car accident and called Traci to facilitate the meeting)  
Judge James Humphries, Cindi Wagner

### **Others In Attendance:**

Tony Fingerle, Lifeline; Sarah Brichto, CAC; Kirk Reber, Pathways

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 10:00 a.m.

- I. Strategic Plan
  - A. Handout – Regional Analysis from QSR; discussed items need to work on
    - 1. Team Formation – some were newly formed as of QSR and we continue to work on
    - 2. Transitional meetings not held timely – all felt that would improve with increase in DCS workers
    - 3. I.L. – Discussion – see Permanency
    - 4. Send any ideas / suggestions to Jennifer Tackitt.
- II. CAC – Sarah Brichto
  - A. Recently held a meeting and formed Board
  - B. Handout – Invitation to Informational Meeting to be held on 3/14/08 at the Argosy. Lunch is provided. Community members invited to hopefully come up with financial support for CAC.
  - C. Discussed medical piece of the CAC – still looking at options; (Free health clinics or place where physicians are currently “donating” time)

### III. PERMANENCY PLANS

- A. DCS is now looking at 9 months (to start establishing permanency) rather than 15. DCS holding parents responsible for following through with services.
- B. Amy Phillips mentioned that when CHINS is dismissed prior to 18; then parents/guardians “kick them out” on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, they have no funds/resources available to them. Some counties are starting to continue CHINS on child until they turn 18 in order to receive IL assistance. There is information available but Amy is not providers/families don’t always know about it.
- C. CHAFEE – Rob has a meeting scheduled to talk to staff, guardian ad litem, probation, providers re: services and timelines.
- D. Beth Prabeck conducts quarterly IL meetings. Directors will make sure Beth has appropriate list of agencies to invite. Traci has a Power Point presentation from last meeting that she will forward to RSC members.
- E. Youth Connections – Traci will try to find information on them and forward to everyone. They are an extension of CHAFEE. They help establish relationships for kids who age out of system, provide mentoring, etc.
- F. Amy mentioned HB 1290 – This bill would allow kids who age out of system at 18; the choice to come back into foster care until age 21.

### IV. IV-B

- A. Traci explained that the directors in the Region scored agencies vying for the IV-B Coordinator position – All felt that Ball State has continued to prove they are the best choice. Rob made motion to approve Ball State as the Coordinator; Amy seconded; all in favor.
- B. Bethany Christian Services – Provide intensive services; have received good comments from other regions. Traci asked for a motion to approve regional funding for these services. Amy made motion to approve; Rob seconded; all in favor.

### V. MOU’s

- A. Turning Point – Jefferson County asked to approve money for Community Service Director in the amount of \$21,500. Stated they continued to prove this was a valuable asset to the community. Amy made motion to approve; Jenny seconded; all in favor.

### VI. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Family Team Meetings – Amy mentioned that she has only attended one and it went well. She believes that Foster Parents should be a good support system for families, but most aren't perceived as such. Traci mentioned that FCM's should be encouraging this role and if families still choose not to include the foster parent in the FTM they should be included in the case conference (which can be held immediately following the FTM).
- B. Foster Parent Ads should be on the carts in the Kroger stores in the next few weeks. Traci was able to get the local DCS office number on them.
- C. Nurturing Program – Amy attended the first one and only two families from Dearborn were in attendance. Two families had called to cancel, but there is room for more and they can still join. Traci will send out an e-mail so that everyone is aware they can still refer!
- D. Lisa Peck was not able to attend, but sent word that Jennifer Sturgeon is the new Community Partners Director. She is in training this week and will hopefully attend next RSC meeting.
- E. Provider Fair – April 21<sup>st</sup>. Traci is bringing all providers, FCM's together for a "meet and greet". Location to be announced – any suggestions please forward to Traci asap.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:**

March 19, 2008 / Versailles State Police Post / 10:00 a.m.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 11:15 a.m.